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CHAPTER 200
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
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645—200.1(147) Definitions.

“*Board*” means the board of physical and occupational therapy examiners.

“*Department*” means the department of public health.

“*Hour of continuing education*” means 50 minutes of attendance per clock hour.

“*Licensee*” means any person licensed to practice physical therapy in the state of Iowa.

“*Licensure by interstate endorsement*” means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice physical therapy to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state. Application will be considered on an individual basis for licensure in Iowa, if the applicant meets the qualifications required of a licensed physical therapist in Iowa.

645—200.2(147) General.

200.2(1) Licenses issued by the board shall be for licensure by examination or licensure by interstate endorsement. Each license shall be 8½ by 11 inches in size. Each license issued shall bear the signature of the chairperson of the board of physical and occupational therapy examiners.

200.2(2) The board requires the satisfactory completion of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) or other nationally recognized equivalent examination as defined by the board.

200.2(3) For examinations taken prior to July 1, 1994, satisfactory completion shall be defined as receiving an overall examination score exceeding 1.5 standard deviations below the national average. For examinations completed after July 1, 1994, satisfactory completion shall be defined as receiving an overall examination score equal to or greater than the criterion-referenced passing point recommended by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

200.2(4) An examinee failing the examination shall be required to repeat the entire examination. No individual may repeat the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) or other nationally recognized equivalent examination more than three times every five years. Payment of the examination fee is required for all repeats of the examination.

200.2(5) A notarized copy of the official document of name change, if applicable, is required with initial application.

200.2(6) Persons desiring information concerning the time and place of meetings of the board of physical and occupational therapy examiners or other information should write to Professional Licensure, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

200.2(7) Rescinded IAB 8/27/97, effective 10/1/97.

200.2(8) Incomplete applications that have been on file in the board office for two years shall be considered invalid and be destroyed. The application fee is nonrefundable.

645—200.3(147) Licensure by examination.

200.3(1) Applications for licensure to practice physical therapy in Iowa shall be made to Professional Licensure, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. The application form will be furnished by the board. The application shall include the following:

a. Full name, current address, age, date of birth, place of birth, and other information as requested on the application form.

b. Foreign-trained physical therapists shall provide:

(1) An English translation and an equivalency evaluation of their educational credentials by one of the following: Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy, Inc., P.O. Box 25827, Alexandria, VA 22313-9998, telephone (703)684-8406; International Educational Research Foundations, Inc., Credentials Evaluation Service, P.O. Box 66940, Los Angeles, CA 90066, telephone (310)390-6276; International Consultants of Delaware, Inc., 109 Barksdale, Professional Center, Newark, DE 19711, telephone (302)737-8715; International Credentialing Associates, Inc., 7245 Bryan Dairy Road, Bryan Dairy Business Park II, Largo, FL 33777, telephone (727)549-8555. The professional curriculum must be equivalent to the Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education standards and shall consist of a minimum of 60 hours of general education and 60 hours of professional education. An applicant shall bear the expense of the curriculum evaluation.

(2) A notarized copy of the certificate or diploma awarded to the applicant from a physical therapy program in the country in which the applicant was educated.

(3) Provide certified proof of proficiency in the English language by achieving a score of at least 560 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper examination and a score of at least 200 on the computer examination administered by the Educational Testing Services, Inc., P.O. Box 6157, Princeton, NJ 08541-6157. An applicant shall bear the expense of the TOEFL examination.

(4) An official statement from each country or territory board of examiners or other regulatory authority regarding the status of the applicant's license, including issue date, expiration date and information regarding any pending or prior investigations or disciplinary action. The applicants shall request such statements from all entities in which they are currently or formerly licensed.

c. If the professional examination is taken in another state, a certified copy of the scores from the appropriate examination.

d. Required fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners.

e. Official transcript, with school seal, of physical therapy professional curriculum.

f. A notarized copy of the certificate or diploma awarded the applicant from a school of physical therapy accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation and Education. If graduated from a degree program which did not issue a diploma stating the applicant's degree was in physical therapy, a statement verifying that the degree was in physical therapy is required from the school.

200.3(2) Rescinded IAB 10/23/96, effective 10/4/96.

200.3(3) An applicant who will be working in the scope of physical therapy prior to licensure shall include on the application form the name of the licensed physical therapist who will be providing supervision of the applicant until the applicant is licensed. The applicant will notify the board, within seven days, of any change in supervision.

a. Applicant physical therapist. A person who has made application for licensure and is awaiting board action may practice only under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist for a period not to exceed six months in the case of licensure by examination and three months for licensure by endorsement. During this time the applicant may evaluate, plan treatment programs, and provide periodic re-evaluation only under "on-site" supervision of a licensed physical therapist who shall bear full responsibility for care provided under the physical therapist's supervision and cosign all physical therapy records. A person who has failed the examination in any state, territory, or country shall not practice as an applicant physical therapist.

b. Applicant physical therapist assistant. A person who has made application for licensure and is awaiting board action may practice under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist for a period not to exceed six months in the case of licensure by examination and three months for licensure by endorsement. During this time the applicant may perform physical therapy procedures as delegated by the supervising physical therapist only under “on-site” supervision. Documentation made in physical therapy records by an applicant physical therapist assistant shall be cosigned by the supervising physical therapist. A person who has failed the examination in any state, territory, or country shall not practice as an applicant physical therapist assistant.

200.3(4) Scores of examinations taken more than five years prior to date of application by examination will be considered invalid.

645—200.4(147) Licensure by interstate endorsement.

200.4(1) An individual from another state seeking a license to practice physical therapy in Iowa will be considered on an individual basis under the principle of interstate endorsement.

200.4(2) Applications for licensure to practice physical therapy in Iowa shall be made to Professional Licensure, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

200.4(3) An applicant for licensure by interstate endorsement shall have successfully completed a course of study for the physical therapist accredited by the commission on accreditation in education of the American Physical Therapy Association, or another appropriate accrediting body, and have passed the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) or other nationally recognized equivalent examination as defined by the board of physical and occupational therapy examiners and:

- a.* Have practiced physical therapy for a minimum of 2,080 hours during the immediately preceding three-year time period as a licensed physical therapist; or
- b.* Have served as a full-time faculty member teaching physical therapy in an accredited school of physical therapy for at least one of the immediately preceding three years; or
- c.* Have graduated from an approved school of physical therapy within a period of one year from the date of graduation to the time application is completed for licensure; or
- d.* Have completed 80 hours of board-approved continuing education during the immediately preceding three-year time period.

200.4(4) Applicants shall arrange to provide:

a. An official statement from each country, territory, and state board of examiners regarding the status of the applicant’s license, including issue date, expiration date and information regarding any pending or prior investigations or disciplinary action. The applicant shall request such statements from all entities in which they are currently or formerly licensed.

b. A certified copy of the scores from the appropriate professional examination to be sent.

c. Foreign-trained physical therapists shall provide:

(1) An English translation and an equivalency evaluation of their educational credentials by one of the following: Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy, Inc., P.O. Box 25827, Alexandria, VA 22313-9998, telephone (703)684-8406; International Educational Research Foundations, Inc., Credentials Evaluation Service, P.O. Box 66940, Los Angeles, CA 90066, telephone (310)390-6276; International Consultants of Delaware, Inc., 109 Barksdale, Professional Center, Newark, DE 19711, telephone (302)737-8715; International Credentialing Associates, Inc., 7245 Bryan Dairy Road, Bryan Dairy Business Park II, Largo, FL 33777, telephone (727)549-8555. The professional curriculum must be equivalent to the Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education standards and shall consist of a minimum of 60 hours of general education and 60 hours of professional education. An applicant shall bear the expense of the curriculum evaluation.

(2) A notarized copy of the certificate or diploma awarded to the applicant from a physical therapy program in the country in which the applicant was educated.

(3) Provide certified proof of proficiency in the English language by achieving a score of at least 560 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper examination and a score of at least 200 on the computer examination administered by the Educational Testing Services, Inc., P.O. Box 6157, Princeton, NJ 08541-6157. An applicant shall bear the expense of the TOEFL examination.

200.4(5) An applicant for licensure under subrule 200.4(3), paragraphs “a” and “b,” must include with this application a sworn statement of previous physical therapy practice from an employer or professional associate, detailing places and dates of employment and verifying that the applicant has practiced physical therapy at least 2,080 hours or taught as a full-time faculty member for at least one of the immediately preceding years during the last three-year time period.

200.4(6) An applicant shall submit the required fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners.

200.4(7) Rescinded IAB 10/23/96, effective 10/4/96.

200.4(8) An applicant, who will be working in the scope of physical therapy prior to licensure, shall include on the application form the name of the licensed physical therapist who will be providing supervision of the applicant until the applicant is licensed. In the event that there is a change of the licensed physical therapist providing supervision, the applicant shall submit the name of the therapist to the board in writing within seven days after the change in supervision takes place.

200.4(9) Applicants not meeting all requirements in this rule are required to meet all the requirements as set out in 200.3(147), including taking or retaking the appropriate physical therapy professional examination.

645—200.5(147) License renewal.

200.5(1) Beginning July 1, 1999, a license to practice as a physical therapist shall expire every two years on the fifteenth day of the birth month. Continuing education requirements shall be completed within the same renewal period for each license holder.

An application and a continuing education report form for renewal of license to practice as a physical therapist shall be mailed to the licensee at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. Failure to receive the renewal application shall not relieve the license holder of the obligation to pay biennial renewal fees on or before the renewal date.

200.5(2) Beginning July 1, 1999, the continuing education requirements will coincide with the renewal compliance period. The licensee shall submit to the board office 30 days before licensure expiration the application and continuing education report form with the renewal fee as specified in rule 200.9(147). Individuals who were issued their initial licenses within six months of their birth month will not be required to renew their licenses until the fifteenth day of their birth month two years later. The new licensee is exempt from meeting the continuing education requirement for the continuing education biennium in which the license is originally issued. Individuals will be required to report 40 hours of continuing education for every renewal thereafter.

200.5(3) Late renewal. If the renewal fees are received by the board within 30 days after the renewal expiration date, a penalty fee is charged. If renewal fees are received more than 30 days after the renewal expiration date, the license is lapsed. An application for reinstatement must be filed with the board with the reinstatement fee, the renewal fee and the penalty fee as outlined in rule 200.9(147). Individuals who fail to submit the renewal application and complete documentation of continuing education hours shall be required to pay a penalty fee and shall be subject to an audit of their continuing education report.

200.5(4) Physical therapists who have not fulfilled the requirements for license renewal or an exemption in the required time frame will have a lapsed license and shall not engage in the practice of physical therapy.

645—200.6(147) Exemptions for inactive practitioners. A licensee who is not engaged in the active practice of physical therapy in the state of Iowa residing within or without the state of Iowa may be granted a certificate of exemption upon written application to the board. The application shall contain a statement that the applicant will not engage in the practice of physical therapy in Iowa without first complying with all regulations governing reinstatement after exemption (200.7(147)). The application for a certificate of exemption shall be submitted upon the form provided by the board.

Individuals who fail to request reinstatement after a three-year period from the date the certificate of exemption was granted shall be considered to have a lapsed license.

645—200.7(147) Reinstatement of exempted, inactive practitioners. Inactive practitioners who have been granted a waiver of compliance with these rules and obtained a certification of exemption shall, prior to engaging in the practice of physical therapy in the state of Iowa, satisfy the following requirements for reinstatement:

200.7(1) Submit written application for reinstatement to the board upon forms provided by the board, pay the current renewal fee and reinstatement fee; and

200.7(2) Furnish in the application evidence of one of the following:

a. Completion of a total number of hours of accredited continuing education computed by multiplying 40 for each renewal period the license has been inactive; or

b. Successful completion of the appropriate physical therapy professional examination (200.2(2)) within one year immediately prior to the submission of such application for reinstatement.

200.7(3) Provide an official statement from each country, territory and state board of examiners regarding the status of the applicant's license, including issue date, expiration date and information regarding any pending or prior investigations or disciplinary action. The applicant shall request such statement from all entities in which the applicant is currently or was formerly licensed.

645—200.8(147) Reinstatement of lapsed license. Individuals who have allowed their licenses to lapse, prior to practicing as a physical therapist in the state of Iowa, shall satisfy the following requirements for reinstatement:

200.8(1) Submit written application for reinstatement to the board on forms provided by the board, pay current application fee, the reinstatement fee and applicable penalty fees; and

200.8(2) Furnish in the application evidence of one of the following:

a. Completion of a total number of hours of accredited continuing education computed by multiplying 40 for each renewal period the license has been inactive; or

b. Successful completion of the appropriate physical therapy professional examination required in subrule 200.2(2) within one year immediately prior to the submission of the application for reinstatement.

200.8(3) Provide an official statement from each country, territory and state board of examiners regarding the status of the applicant's license, including issue date, expiration date and information regarding any pending or prior investigations or disciplinary action. The applicant shall request such statement from all entities in which the applicant is currently or was formerly licensed.

645—200.9(147) License fees. All fees are nonrefundable.

200.9(1) The application fee for a license to practice physical therapy issued upon the basis of examination or endorsement is \$100 in check or money order made payable to the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners. There is an additional fee for the examination. The fee for the examination is listed on the application form.

200.9(2) The renewal fee for a license to practice physical therapy for a biennial period is \$55.

200.9(3) Penalty fee for failure to complete and return the physical therapy renewal application before the renewal expiration date is \$55.

200.9(4) Penalty fee for failure to complete the required continuing education during the renewal period is \$50. Failure to complete and return the continuing education report by the end of the renewal period is \$50.

200.9(5) Reinstatement fee following inactive exemption and lapsed license is \$100.

200.9(6) Fee for certified statement that a licensee is licensed in Iowa is \$10.

200.9(7) Fee for failure to report, in writing, change of address after 30 days is \$10.

200.9(8) Fee for failure to report, in writing, change of name within 30 days is \$10.

200.9(9) Fee for a duplicate or replacement license is \$10.

200.9(10) Fee for a returned check is \$15.

645—200.10(272C) Grounds for discipline. The board may impose any of the disciplinary sanctions set forth in these rules, including civil penalties in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, when the board determines that the licensee is guilty of any of the following acts or offenses.

200.10(1) All grounds listed in Iowa Code section 147.55.

200.10(2) Violation of the rules promulgated by the board.

200.10(3) Personal disqualifications:

a. Mental or physical inability reasonably related to and adversely affecting the licensee's ability to practice in a safe and competent manner.

b. Involuntary commitment for treatment of mental illness, drug addiction or alcoholism.

200.10(4) Practicing the profession while the license is suspended or lapsed.

200.10(5) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority of another state, territory, or country; or failure by the licensee to report in writing to the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy examiners revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority of another state, territory, or country; or both.

200.10(6) Negligence by the licensee in the practice of the profession, which is a failure to exercise due care including negligent delegation to or supervision of employees or other individuals whether or not injury results; or any conduct, practice or conditions which impair the ability to safely and skillfully practice the profession.

200.10(7) Failure to comply with the following rules of ethical conduct and practice.

a. A physical therapist shall not practice outside the scope of the license.

b. When the physical therapist does not possess the skill to evaluate a patient, plan the treatment program, or carry out the treatment, the physical therapist is obligated to assist in identifying a professionally qualified licensed practitioner to perform the service.

c. The practice of physical therapy shall minimally consist of:

(1) Interpreting all referrals.

(2) Evaluating each patient.

(3) Identifying and documenting individual patient's problems and goals.

(4) Establishing and documenting a plan of care.

(5) Providing appropriate treatment.

(6) Determining the appropriate portions of the treatment program to be delegated to assistive personnel.

(7) Appropriately supervising individuals as described in rule 200.11(272C).

(8) Providing timely patient reevaluation.

(9) Maintaining timely and adequate patient records of all physical therapy activity and patient response.

d. It is the responsibility of the physical therapist to inform the referring practitioner when any requested treatment procedure is inadvisable or contraindicated. The physical therapist shall refuse to carry out orders that are inadvisable or contraindicated and advise the referring practitioner of such orders.

e. Treatment shall not be continued beyond the point of possible benefit to the patient or by treating more frequently than necessary to obtain maximum therapeutic effect.

f. It is unethical for the physical therapist to directly or indirectly request, receive, or participate in the dividing, transferring, assigning, rebating, or refunding of an unearned fee or to profit by means of credit or other valuable consideration as an unearned commission, discount, or gratuity in connection with the furnishing of physical therapy services.

g. The physical therapist shall not exercise undue influence on patients to purchase equipment produced or supplied by a company in which the physical therapist owns stock or has any other direct or indirect financial interest.

h. Physical therapists shall not permit another person to use their licenses for any purpose.

i. A physical therapist shall not obtain, possess, or attempt to obtain or possess a controlled substance without lawful authority or sell, prescribe, give away, or administer a controlled substance in the practice of physical therapy.

j. A physical therapist shall not verbally or physically abuse a patient.

k. A physical therapist shall not engage in sexual misconduct. Sexual misconduct includes the following:

(1) Engaging in or soliciting a sexual relationship, whether consensual or nonconsensual, with a patient.

(2) Making sexual advances, requesting sexual favors, or engaging in other verbal conduct or physical contact of a sexual nature with a patient.

200.10(8) Failure to adequately supervise personnel in accordance with the standards for supervision set forth in rule 200.11(272C).

200.10(9) Unethical business practices, consisting of any of the following:

a. False or misleading advertising.

b. Betrayal of a professional confidence.

c. Falsifying patient's records.

200.10(10) Failure to notify the board of a change of name or address within 30 days after it occurs.

200.10(11) Submission of a false report of continuing education, or failure to submit the required report of continuing education.

200.10(12) Failure to notify the board within 30 days after occurrence of any judgment or settlement of a malpractice claim or disciplinary action taken by another state.

200.10(13) Failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the board.

200.10(14) Failure to report to the board as provided in Iowa Code section 272C.9 any violation by another licensee of the reasons for disciplinary action as listed in this rule.

200.10(15) Failure to report to the board as provided in Iowa Code section 272C.9 any violation by a physical therapist assistant of the reasons for disciplinary action as listed in 645—Chapter 13.

200.10(16) Obtaining a license by fraud or misrepresentation.

200.10(17) Conviction of a felony related to the practice of physical therapy or the conviction of any felony that would affect the licensee's ability to practice physical therapy. A copy of the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence. Conviction shall include a finding or verdict of guilty, a plea of guilty, an admission of guilt, or a plea of nolo contendere.

200.10(18) Professional incompetency. Professional incompetency includes but is not limited to:

a. A substantial lack of knowledge or ability to discharge professional obligations within the physical therapist's practice;

b. A substantial deviation by the physical therapist from the standards of learning or skill ordinarily possessed and applied by other physical therapists in the state of Iowa acting in the same or similar circumstances;

c. A failure by a physical therapist to exercise in a substantial respect that degree of care which is ordinarily exercised by the average physical therapist in the state of Iowa acting in the same or similar circumstances;

d. A willful or repeated departure from or the failure to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of physical therapy in the state of Iowa.

200.10(19) Inability to practice physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety by reason of a mental or physical impairment or chemical abuse.

200.10(20) Violating a lawful order of the board, previously entered by the board in a disciplinary or licensure hearing, or violating the terms and provisions of a consent agreement or informal settlement between a licensee and the board.

200.10(21) Failure to respond, when requested, to communications of the board within 30 days of the mailing of such communication by registered or certified mail.

200.10(22) Obtaining third-party payment through fraudulent means. Third-party payers include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and government reimbursement programs. Obtaining payment through fraudulent means includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Reporting incorrect treatment dates for the purpose of obtaining payment;
- b. Reporting charges for services not rendered;
- c. Incorrectly reporting services rendered for the purpose of obtaining payment which is greater than that to which the licensee is entitled; or
- d. Aiding a patient in fraudulently obtaining payment from a third-party payer.

200.10(23) Practicing without a current license or practicing when a license is lapsed.

645—200.11(272C) Supervision requirements.

200.11(1) Licensed physical therapist assistants may assist in providing physical therapy services under immediate telecommunicative supervision as long as the physical therapy services are rendered in accordance with the minimal frequency standards set forth in subrule 200.11(4).

200.11(2) Licensed physical therapist assistants may assist in providing physical therapy services as long as supervision and the physical therapy services are rendered in accordance with the minimal frequency standards set forth in subrule 200.11(4).

200.11(3) When providing physical therapy services under the supervision of a physical therapist, the physical therapist assistant shall:

- a. Provide physical therapy services only under the supervision of the physical therapist.
- b. Consult the supervising physical therapist if procedures are believed not to be in the best interest of the patient or if the assistant does not possess the skills necessary to provide the procedures.
- c. Provide treatment only after evaluation and development of a treatment plan by the physical therapist.
- d. Gather data relating to the patient's disability, but not interpret the data as it pertains to the plan of care.
- e. Refer inquiries that require interpretation of patient information to the physical therapist.
- f. Communicate any change, or lack of change, which occurs in the patient's condition which may need the assessment of the physical therapist.

200.11(4) The physical therapist must provide patient evaluation and participate in treatment based upon the health care admission or residency status of the patient being treated. A physical therapist may not delegate to the physical therapist assistant the authority to provide more than the following:

<u>Patient's Health Care Residency or Admission Status</u>	<u>Maximum of Physical Therapist Delegation (Whichever Comes First)</u>
Hospital, acute care	3 visits or 2 consecutive calendar days
Hospital, non-CARF	3 visits or 2 consecutive calendar days
Hospital, CARF accredited beds	4 visits or 4 consecutive calendar days
Skilled nursing	4 visits or 4 consecutive calendar days
Home health	4 visits or 9 consecutive calendar days
Nursing facility	9 visits or 9 consecutive calendar days
Iowa educational agency	4 visits or 29 consecutive calendar days
Other facility/admissions status	4 visits or 9 consecutive calendar days

200.11(5) A physical therapist may be responsible for supervising not more than two physical therapist assistants who are providing physical therapy per calendar day. This includes physical therapist assistants being supervised by telecommunicative supervision. However, a physical therapist assistant may be supervised by any number of physical therapists. The physical therapist is responsible for maintaining timely records which indicate the names of the physical therapist assistants for whom the physical therapist has supervisory responsibility. The physical therapist shall ensure that a physical therapist assistant under the physical therapist's supervision has a current license to practice physical therapy and that an applicant under the physical therapist's supervision has a current application on file.

200.11(6) The signature of a physical therapist assistant or physical therapist on a physical therapy treatment record indicates that the physical therapy services were provided in accordance with the rules and regulations for practicing as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

200.11(7) The physical therapist assumes responsibility for all delegated tasks and shall not delegate a service which exceeds the expertise of the assistive personnel.

Following are activities which must be performed by the physical therapist and cannot be delegated to any assistive personnel including a physical therapist assistant:

1. Interpretation of referrals.
2. Initial physical therapy evaluation and reevaluations.
3. Identification, determination or modification of patient problems, goals, and care plans.
4. Final discharge evaluation and establishment of the discharge plan.
5. Assurance of the qualifications of all assistive personnel to perform assigned tasks through written documentation of their education or training that is maintained and available at all times.
6. Delegation and instruction of the services to be rendered by the physical therapist assistant or other assistive personnel, including, but not limited to, specific tasks or procedures, precautions, special problems, and contraindicated procedures.
7. Timely review of documentation, reexamination of the patient and revision of the plan when indicated.

200.11(8) Other assistive personnel: provision of patient care independently. Physical therapists are responsible for patient care provided by assistive personnel under their supervision. Physical therapy aides and other assistive personnel shall not provide independent patient care unless each of the following standards is satisfied:

- a. The supervising physical therapist has physical participation in the patient's treatment or evaluation, or both, each treatment day.

b. The assistive personnel may provide independent patient care only while under the on-site supervision of the supervising physical therapist. On-site supervision means that the supervising physical therapist shall:

- (1) Be continuously on site and present in the department or facility where the assistive personnel are performing services; and
- (2) Be immediately available to assist the person being supervised in the services being performed; and
- (3) Provide continued direction of appropriate aspects of each treatment session in which a component of treatment is delegated to assistive personnel.

c. Documentation made in physical therapy records by unlicensed assistive personnel shall be cosigned by the supervising physical therapist.

d. The physical therapist provides periodic reevaluation of assistive personnel's performance in relation to the patient.

200.11(9) Other assistive personnel. Physical therapy aides and other assistive personnel may assist a physical therapist assistant in providing patient care in the absence of a physical therapist only if the physical therapist assistant maintains in-sight supervision of the physical therapy aide or other assistive personnel and the physical therapist assistant is primarily and significantly involved in that patient's care.

645—200.12(272C) Reporting continuing education credits. Rescinded IAB 11/29/00, effective 1/3/01.

645—200.13 Reserved.

645—200.14(272C) Hearings. Rescinded IAB 11/29/00, effective 1/3/01.

645—200.15(272C) Disability or illness. Rescinded IAB 11/29/00, effective 1/3/01.

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